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PATENT APPLICATION

5 entitled: ANCILLARY TOOL AND METHOD FOR POSITIONING A
 PROSTHETIC ACETABULUM OF A HIP PROSTHESIS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 The ancillary tool according to the invention comprises a handle for
manipulating an acetabulum provided, in its distal part, with a head for gripping
the acetabulum and, in its proximal part, with a surface for application of a force
of impaction. The tool further comprises at least one added endpiece adapted to
be removably connected to the distal end of the handle. This endpiece defines
15 both a face for wedging the acetabulum and an opposite face for interaction of
the endpiece with the head of the handle, these faces both being borne by a
radially deformable supple ring.

 The invention is particularly applicable to the positioning of an acetabular
prosthesis in an anatomical or prosthetic cavity of a patient's hip.